

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1026

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging South Dakota's United States Senators and Representative to authorize and appropriate funds to support the expansion of utility and roadway infrastructure in conjunction with the construction of Interstate Highway 90, Exit 67 and the arterial road servicing Ellsworth Air Force Base and the City of Box Elder, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, the 1995 Box Elder Area Transportation Network Study and the Ellsworth Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study Coordinating Committee recommended the construction of a new Interstate Highway 90 exit at mile marker 67 to alleviate incompatible community development in the Accident Prevention and High Noise Zones associated with the aircraft operations of Ellsworth Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 Rapid City Metropolitan Planning Organization Exit 67/I-90 Interchange Justification Study selected a preferred alternative design for the project; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 Box Elder Central Arterial and Exit 67/I-90 Interchange Environmental Assessment concluded the project will have no significant impact on the human environment; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental purpose of the project will provide a safe, efficient, environmentally sound, and economical transportation facility that responds to the needs of the Department of Defense (Ellsworth Air Force Base), the people of Box Elder, and to those who commute to and from Ellsworth Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide access to Ellsworth Air Force Base compatible with its operational mission, community land use compatible with Ellsworth Air Force Base flight operations, an arterial roadway that will handle projected increases in traffic, a corridor for both commercial and residential development, continuity with the existing local roadway system, and improved safety of the I-90 access point; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the South Dakota Transportation Commission included the project in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan and has scheduled the project for construction in the period of 2001-2002; and

WHEREAS, the funds to construct the complementary utility and roadway infrastructure are needed to assure the timely transition of commercial and residential development proximate to the interchange and arterial road:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that United States Senators Tom Daschle and Tim Johnson and Representative John Thune, are hereby requested to seek the authorization and appropriation of those federal funds necessary to transition community commercial and residential development in the forthcoming fiscal years of 2002 to 2003.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,  
Concurred in by the Senate,

March 01, 2001  
March 02, 2001

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Speaker of the House

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